Item #19

11 January 1968

SUBJECT: WEISBERG, Harold

Subject was security approved for employment with OSS on 7 July 1944. He was assigned to the Presentation Branch (Editorial), Washington, and on 12 February 1945 he was transferred to the R&A Branch (Latin America), Washington according to a note in his file by

Harold WEISBERG is the author of four books on the assassination of President KENNEDY - "Whitewash", "Whitewash II", "Photographic Whitewash", and "OSWALD in New Orleans: Case for Conspiracy with the CIA". All of his books have questioned the findings of the Warren Commission and have attacked the FBI Report as a"tissue so thin and polemic so undisguised that it would demean the labors of a hick police force." WEISBERG testified before a secret session of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for almost three hours on 28 April 1967, charging that the Warren Commission had failed in its mission of fact gathering and saying that the last thing he wanted to see was a reopening of the Warren Commission or anything like it. Rather, he said, he expected a "new and thorough investigation by Congress which would be entirely open to the public even though right now the Government is trying every possible way to prevent GARRISON's investigation."

WEISBERG was born 8 April 1913 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He listed his parents' dates and places of birth as "unknown" except for the country given as "Russia" with racial background given as "Jewish". He listed employment with the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Education and Labor (which was known as the Senate Civil Liberties Committee) from 1936 to 1939 as an editor, investigator and Asst. Secretary. His reason for leaving this employment was given as "termination of work". From 1939 to 1942 he worked as a free lance writer (was Washington representative with CLICK magazine). In a statement dated 5 December 1944 concerning his employment history, WEISBERG described his writing as "original work on Nazi cartels and their interference with our defense preparations, un-American activities both by Nazi and native Americans and resistance to the Nazi in the occupied countries of Europe." In 1942 Subject entered the Army and received an Honorable Discharge in November 1944 with the rank of Corporal. He was a Private in the U. S. Army when he EOD with OSS in 1944 and the notation concerning his transfer the Presentation Branch to the R&A Latin American Branch of OSS in March 1945 indicated he was a civilian at the time. A security certification in

His file dated 20 November 1945 reported that there was nothing derogatory in the security investigation conducted on him and that his security record while employed with OSS was satisfactory. A PHS dated 1 June 1944 carries a notation "Do not contact Senate employment".